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**From:** John Barg  
**Sent:** Mon 6/22/2015 5:05:55 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Haystack Removal Assessment Report

Sarah, thanks for the update. Attending the June 30 meeting will be Russell Light, Marisa Blackshire, and me.

John

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

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From: "Mueller, Sarah" <Mueller.Sarah@epa.gov>  
 To: "John Barg" <JFB@BCLTLAW.com>  
 Subject: Haystack Removal Assessment Report  
 Date: Mon, Jun 22, 2015 9:31 AM

John,

Sorry for my delay in replying to your message below. I've been trying to track down the source of the information in that document, but don't have an answer yet. I have not been able to locate any source documents in our possession that show that mineral rights are held by Newmont. My assumption for now is that the information in the report was taken from the information EPA used in 1991 to issue the order, as I don't think the contractor did any independent research into the mineral rights ownership. Regardless of the origin of that information, we are trying to independently verify current ownership of the mineral rights. I do have some information on the surface rights ownership, and I will send that to you.

Thanks for getting back to me about the timing of our meeting next week. 9:30 works for us. Please send me a list of attendees so that I can get you all set up to get through security more easily.

Sarah

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From: John Barg [mailto:JFB@BCLTLAW.com]  
 Sent: Friday, June 19, 2015 9:41 AM  
 To: Mueller, Sarah  
 Subject: RE: Haystack Removal Assessment Report

Sarah, do you have anything responsive to my email below? I'm meeting with the BNSF folks Monday and hope to have something from you to share with them.

Thanks.

John

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From: John Barg  
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:44 AM  
To: 'Mueller, Sarah'  
Subject: RE: Haystack Removal Assessment Report

Hi Sarah.

In preparing for our June 30 meeting, we are trying to figure out the ownership history of Haystack # 1. Weston's Removal Assessment Report prepared this month says on page 2, "The AUM [referring to Haystack # 1 AUM] is situated on both Indian Allotment and land privately owned by S. Farthree and McKingen, with the mineral rights owned by Newmont Mining Corporation."

Will you please send me the documents showing the surface and mineral rights ownerships?

Thanks for your help.

John

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From: Mueller, Sarah [mailto:Mueller.Sarah@epa.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:41 PM  
To: John Barg  
Subject: Haystack Removal Assessment Report

John,  
Thanks for speaking with me today.  
Attached is the Removal Assessment Report for the Site.

Please feel free to contact with me with any questions.  
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